

Khadim al Haramain al Sharifain
King Fahad bin Abdul Aziz

By the grace of Allah, the jihad in Afghanistan is now entering its final and most decisive phase. The Muslim Ummah in general and your good self and the government and people of the Kingdom in particular have extended extremely valuable support to this cause and the best reward for such services can come only from Allah. But we all know that the establishment of a stable government of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan would be a source of strength not only to Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf, but to the entire Ummah.

The greatest challenge that the people of Afghanistan are going to face in the next month relates to the acute shortage of food. With the withdrawal of Soviet forces, the food crisis is going to be aggravated. It is our duty to prepare NOW to protect the liberated people of Afghanistan from starvation and food crisis. I am sure that the Khadim al Haramain al Sharifain, King Fahad bin Abdul Aziz, will take the lead in this respect and personally coordinate mobilisation of food supplies for the people of Afghanistan to be delivered by airlift immediately after the Soviet withdrawal and the emergence of a Mujahideen government in Afghanistan. Such a FAHAD PLAN would be an historic contribution and should begin with the supply of food to major cities, in particular Jalalabad, Kandhar and Kabul immediately after the establishment of a new government in Afghanistan. I request your good self to personally seek the cooperation of the Heads of the Gulf States and other Muslim governments in this respect, and to instruct the Saudi Red Crescent and other relief agencies to be in a state of readiness to meet this challenge effectively. I hope and pray you will provide the much-needed leadership in this respect and fulfil the hopes the Ummah has in Khadim al Haramain al Sharifain to serve the Islamic Ummah. May Allah guide you and enable you to meet at this historic moment this important and urgent need of jihad in Afghanistan.

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